

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING**

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 4 hours from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday, August 13 in the Kotzebue District.

Catch during last night's 4-hour opening was 11,067 chum salmon by 40 permit holders. The commercial harvest to date is over 219,000 chum salmon. The commercial harvest this season is tracking well ahead of the department forecast range of 225,000 to 250,000 chum salmon. Last year by this date the harvest was 195,000 chum salmon and total harvest for the season was nearly 228,000 chum salmon.

Kobuk River test fish catch index continues to be strong with the total chum salmon catch index ranking second best in the 21-year project history and has a chance to be the best catch index in project history if catches continue at the current level.

Continuing with short duration commercial fishing periods should not jeopardize subsistence opportunity or escapement.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.